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DEPT FOR NEA/EX AND A/SY/OPS/FO/MSG
KUWAIT FOR RSO
NAIROBI FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC, MSG
SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF MSG DETACHMENT

REF: (A) DOHA 459 (B) STATE 095123

1. IN COMPLIANCE WITH REF B, EMBASSY HAS TAKEN THE FOLLOWING
STEPS ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE EVENTUAL
APPROVAL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A MSG DETACHMENT IN DOHA.

(A) FIRST WEEK IN MAY EMBASSY SUBMITTED A DIPLOMATIC NOTE
CLARIFYING POINTS MENTIONED PARA (A) REF B. MOST OF THESE POINTS
WERE ALREADY MENTIONED IN OUR ORIGINAL NOTE OF JANUARY 11, 1978,
AND APPROVED BY GOQ. TO DATE, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE TO
OUR SECOND NOTE. FROM PAST PRACTICE IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR GOQ
TO DELAY OR NOT ANSWER DIPLOMATIC NOTES AT ALL. FROM OUR INITIAL
CONVERSATIONS WITH RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ABOUT THIS MATTER
AND THEIR FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO OUR FIRST NOTE, WE DOUBT IF
THEY WILL PUT UP ANY OBJECTION TO ANY OF THE POINTS RAISED.

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(B) IN THE MATTER OF HOUSING, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF ADEQUATE
POSSIBILITIES. THE BEST AVAILABLE IS A DETACHED THREE-LEVEL HOUSE
WITH FIVE BEDROOMS, WITH ONE ROOM ON TOP FLOOR WHICH CAN BE USED
FOR H/H SERVANT, AND ON GROUND FLOOR TWO ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT
SELF-SUFFICIENT, TWO-BEDROOM UNITS. WE CONSIDER THIS HOUSE IDEAL
FOR THE DETACHMENT AS IT IS NOT OVER A MILE AND ONE-HALF (FIVE
MINUTE DRIVE) FROM THE EMBASSY. ADJOINING THIS HOUSE THERE IS

ANOTHER THREE-BEDROOM HOUSE WHICH CAN BE USED FOR THE NCOIC.
BOTH OF THESE PROPERTIES ARE OWNED BY SAME PERSON, MAJOR BORDANI,
CHIEF OF TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT. PROPERTY IS NEW AND JUST COMPLETED.
THE GROUNDS AROUND PROPERTY ARE BEING LEVELED AND WE EXPECT THE
WHOLE PROPERTY TO BE READY NO LATER THAN MID SEPTEMBER. ASKING
PRICE FOR BOTH UNITS QRS 32,000 (DOLS 8,300) PER MONTH.

(C) EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE, UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS, TO PROVIDE
OFFICE SPACE WITH FURNISHING FOR NCOIC AS WELL AS ADMINISTRATIVE
SUPPORT FOR HIMSELF AND DETACHMENT.

(D) TARGET DATE FOR ACTIVATION OF DETACHMENT RESTS WITH
DEPARTMENT, DEPENDING BUREAU'S APPROVAL, FUNDING, AVAILABILITY
OF HH FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, ETC.

2. EMBASSY HAS UNDERTAKEN EXPLORATORY STEPS ONLY IN HOUSING AND
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. UPON RECEIPT INSTRUCTIONS FROM
BUREAU NEA/EX, WE WILL TAKE NECESSARY ACTION.
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